

Agricultural Prices

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December Farm Prices Received Index Increased 1 Point From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.9 percent) from November. The Crop Index is up 4 points (3.8 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 2 points (1.7 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, corn, strawberries, and lettuce. Lower prices were received for oranges, broilers, dairy, and grapes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of dairy, wheat, oranges, and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, soybeans, grapes, and corn.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 3 points (2.7 percent) from December 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 120, was unchanged from last month but increased 3 points (2.6 percent) from December 2004.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 143 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from November but 9 points (6.7 percent) above December 2004. Lower prices in December for feeder cattle, diesel fuel, complete feeds, and LP gas offset higher prices for nitrogen fertilizers, feed concentrates, feeder pigs, and feed grains.

Index Summary Table

Index	20	004	2005			
1990-92=100	Nov	Dec	Nov	Dec		
Prices Received	115	111	113	114		
Prices Paid	135	134	143	143		
Ratio ¹	85	83	79	80		

¹ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

Prices Received by Farmers

The December All Farm Products Index is 114 percent of its 1990-92 base, up 0.9 percent from the November index and 2.7 percent above the December 2004 index.

ALL CROPS: The December index is 109, up 3.8 percent from November and 4.8 percent above December 2004. From November, index increases for vegetables, feed grains & hay, potatoes & dry beans, and oil-bearing crops more than offset the index decrease for fruits & nuts.

Food Grains: The December index, at 116, is 0.9 percent above the previous month and 2.7 percent above a year ago. The December all wheat price, at \$3.47 per bushel, is unchanged from November but up 7 cents from December 2004.

Feed Grains & Hay: The December index is 89, up 7.2 percent from last month but 4.3 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$1.88 per bushel, is up 11 cents from last month but 16 cents below December 2004. The all hay price, at \$92.00 per ton, is 30 cents above November and up \$6.00 from last December. Grain sorghum, at \$2.94 per cwt, is 12 cents above November but 5 cents below December last year.

Oil-Bearing Crops: The December index, at 101, is up 3.1 percent from November and 1.0 percent higher than December 2004. The soybean price, at \$5.71 per bushel, increased 9 cents from November and is 26 cents above December 2004.

Cotton: The December index, at 81, is up 1.3 percent from November and 25 percent above last year. The December price, at 48.9 cents per pound, is up 0.4 cent from the previous month and 9.6 cents above last December.

Potatoes & Dry Beans: The December index, at 111, is up 4.7 percent from last month and 9.9 percent above December 2004. The all potato price, at \$6.60 per cwt, is up 29 cents from November and up \$1.24 from last December. The all dry bean price, at \$18.60 per cwt, is up 30 cents from the previous month but \$8.40 below December 2004.

Fruits & Nuts: The December index, at 125, is down 18 percent from November but 11 percent higher than a year ago. Price decreases for oranges, grapes, and apples more than offset a price increase for strawberries.

Commercial Vegetables: The December index, at 152, is up 35 percent from last month and 21 percent above December 2004. Price increases during December for tomatoes, lettuce, and snap beans more than offset a price decline for celery.

LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS: The December index, at 119, is 1.7 percent below last month and down 0.8 percent from December 2004. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for cattle, eggs, calves, and turkeys but lower for dairy and hogs. The price for broilers is unchanged from last year.

Meat Animals: The December index, at 121, is up 0.8 percent from last month and 2.5 percent higher than last year. The December hog price, at \$45.50 per cwt, is up \$1.90 from November but \$6.90 lower than a year ago. The December beef cattle price of \$92.70 is up \$1.40 from last month and \$5.90 higher than December 2004.

Dairy Products: The December index, at 113, is down 2.6 percent from a month ago and 10 percent lower than December last year. The December all milk price of \$14.70 is down 40 cents from last month and down \$1.70 from December 2004. The fluid grade milk price is down 30 cents from November but the manufactured grade milk price is unchanged from last month.

Poultry & Eggs: The December index, at 123, is down 3.1 percent from November but 4.2 percent above a year ago. The December market egg price, at 56.4 cents per dozen, increased 8.2 cents from November and is 7.6 cents above December 2004. The December broiler price, at 39.0 cents per pound, is down 3.0 cents from November but unchanged from a year ago. The December turkey price, averaging 54.3 cents per pound, is down 0.6 cent from the previous month but up 8.4 cents from a year earlier.

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Index Numbers of Prices Received, United States, December 2005, with Comparisons

		1910-1	4=100		1990-92=100			
Index	Average	2004	20	05	2004 2005)5	
	1990-92	Dec	Nov	Dec	Dec	Nov	Dec	
All Farm Products	639	708	*716	722	111	113	114	
All Crops	500	514	*518	536	104	*105	109	
Food Grains	325	359	*364	367	113	*115	116	
Feed Grains & Hay	363	333	*297	319	93	*83	89	
Cotton	517	332	*410	413	65	80	81	
Tobacco ¹	1,263	1,743			115			
Oil-Bearing Crops	554	545	*537	552	100	*98	101	
Fruits & Nuts	716	789	*1,059	869	113	*152	125	
Commercial Vegetables	698	840	*753	1,015	126	*113	152	
Potatoes & Dry Beans	540	510	*537	560	101	*106	111	
Other Crops	493	569	578	578	115	117	117	
Livestock & Products	768	918	*929	916	120	121	119	
Meat Animals	1,021	1,195	*1,224	1,229	118	*120	121	
Dairy Products	799	1,008	928	903	126	116	113	
Poultry & Eggs	282	332	341	329	118	127	123	
Food Commodities					117	*120	120	

Selected Index Numbers for Prices Received and Paid, 1990-92=100, by Month, United States, 2004 and 2005

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		I	ndex of Pi	rices Receiv	ed		Index of Prices Paid					
Month	All Farm Products		All Crops		Livestock and Products		All Items		Production Items			
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005		
Jan	112	112	114	103	110	121	130	137	127	134		
Feb	117	114	122	107	112	119	131	137	127	134		
Mar	122	119	122	117	122	121	132	139	129	136		
Apr	125	122	124	122	126	122	133	139	131	138		
May	129	120	124	118	133	122	135	139	133	138		
Jun	128	120	123	122	133	118	135	140	133	139		
Jul	124	118	120	117	128	118	135	141	133	140		
Aug	120	117	119	116	122	117	135	141	133	140		
Sep	116	117	114	112	118	122	135	142	133	141		
Oct	114	111	111	103	118	122	136	144	134	144		
Nov	115	113	112	105	119	121	135	143	133	142		
Dec	111	114	104	109	120	119	134	143	132	142		

^{*} Revised.

1 Monthly prices discontinued July 2005.

Prices Received, United States, December 2005, with Comparisons

		Average	Entire Mo	onth	Preliminary
Commodity	Unit	1990-92	Dec 2004	Nov 2005	Dec 2005
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Field Crops					
Barley, All	Bu	2.12	2.49	2.64	2.54
Feed	Bu	1.90	1.66	1.77	1.70
Malting	Bu	2.43	2.74	2.93	2.86
Beans, Dry Edible	Cwt	19.10	27.00	18.30	18.60
Chickpeas, All	Cwt		24.10	25.40	27.60
Large	Cwt		24.30	25.60	27.90
Small	Cwt Bu	2.30	(⁴) 2.04	(⁴)	(⁴) 1.88
Corn Cotton, Upland	Lb	0.606	0.393	1.77 0.485	0.489
Cottonseed ³	Ton	96.00	111.00	92.60	95.10
Cottonseed	Ton	90.00	111.00	92.00	93.10
Flaxseed	Bu	4.27	8.42	5.93	5.80
Hay, All, Baled ¹ Alfalfa ¹	Ton Ton	76.30	86.00	91.70	92.00 97.70
Other ¹	Ton	77.20 60.00	92.10 72.40	97.50 76.30	78.00
Lentils	Cwt	00.00	15.10	11.40	11.40
Oats	Bu	1.22	1.60	1.63	1.73
Peanuts, In-Shell	Lb	0.304	0.183	0.176	0.174
Peas, Dry Edible	Cwt	0.304	5.68	4.77	4.85
Austrian Winter	Cwt		8.29	7.75	8.00
Potatoes	Cwt	5.82	5.36	6.31	6.60
Rice, Rough	Cwt	7.07	7.37	7.44	7.56
Sorghum Grain	Cwt	3.75	2.99	2.82	2.94
Soybeans	Bu	5.61	5.45	5.62	5.71
Sunflower, All	Cwt	9.50	13.40	12.30	11.30
Tobacco, Types 11-37 ⁶	Lb	1.740	2.005		
Wheat, All	Bu	2.96	3.40	3.47	3.47
Winter	Bu	2.93	3.34	3.29	3.30
Durum	Bu	2.86	3.67	3.25	3.33
Other Spring	Bu	3.11	3.48	3.73	3.71
Hard Red Winter	Bu		3.32	3.42	
Soft Red Winter	Bu		2.94	2.81	
Hard Red Spring	Bu	2.24	3.48	3.78	
White	Bu	3.24	3.51	3.08	
Fruit					
Citrus, Equiv on-tree					
Grapefruit	Box	5.77	14.72	10.66	10.11
Lemons	Box	10.10	7.73	9.77	6.88
Oranges	Box	5.79	3.27	8.82	4.42
Tangelos	Box	5.82	2.84	3.93	3.13
Tangerines Temples	Box Box	15.11 6.23	13.35	13.14	11.90
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Noncitrus, Fresh Apples ²	Lb	0.212	0.222	0.282	0.265
Apples Grapes ²	Ton	506.00	1,160.00	650.00	420.00
Peaches ²	Ton	432.00	1,100.00	030.00	420.00
Pears ²	Ton	370.00	446.00	507.00	482.00
Strawberries	Cwt	56.00	182.00	102.00	290.00

¹ Mid-month price.
² Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, and NY (apples only), and WA (apples, peaches, and pears). Prices as sold for other states.

Marketing year August - February.

Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Monthly price estimates discontinued beginning in July 2005.

Prices Received, United States, December 2005, with Comparisons

		Average	Entire M	onth	Preliminary	
Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Dec 2004	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	
Vegetables, Fresh ¹						
Asparagus Broccoli Cantaloupes ² Carrots Cauliflower Celery Corn, Sweet Cucumbers ² Lettuce Onions Snap Beans ² Tomatoes	Cwt	79.80 22.50 13.20 26.80 11.60 15.70 11.90 12.80	45.40 33.80 18.00 54.40 13.40 36.80 15.70 8.58 44.60	20.90 17.60 22.00 25.30 13.10 35.60 37.90 9.66 10.60 64.90 39.70	34.50 27.80 22.10 48.30 11.00 38.00 54.70 14.00 11.10 121.00 86.70	
Livestock						
Calves Cattle, All Beef Cows ³ Steers & Heifers Milk Cows ⁴	Cwt Cwt Cwt Cwt Head	94.30 72.90 49.60 77.10 1,130.00	122.00 86.80 48.60 91.90	133.00 91.30 46.00 97.30	135.00 92.70 46.60 99.10	
Hogs, All Barrows & Gilts Sows	Cwt Cwt Cwt	47.70 48.40 39.50	52.40 52.70 44.80	43.60 43.90 37.00	45.50 45.80 38.20	
Lambs Sheep	Cwt Cwt	56.20 23.40	101.00 44.60	107.00 45.40		
Dairy and Poultry						
Milk, All ^{5 6} Fluid Grade ⁶ Mfg Grade ⁶	Cwt Cwt Cwt	13.06 13.10 11.80	16.40 16.40 16.10	15.10 15.10 14.40	14.70 14.80 14.40	
Broilers, Live ⁷ Eggs, All ⁸ Market ⁸ Turkeys, live ^{7 8}	Lb Doz Doz Lb	0.317 0.643 0.546 0.380	0.390 0.654 0.488 0.459	0.420 0.653 0.482 0.549	0.390 0.719 0.564 0.543	
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation Eggs, All Milk, All ⁵	Doz Cwt	0.545 9.71	0.623 16.24	0.563 14.66	0.636 14.85	

¹ F.O.B. shipping point.

² Monthly estimates began January 1995.

³ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁴ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for Jan, Apr, Jul, and Oct.

⁵ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

⁶ December 2005 Fat test percent: all milk 3.80, fluid milk 3.79, mfg grade 4.05.

⁷ Equivalent liveweight returns to producers for most States. Includes growers and contractors.

⁸ Mid month price.

Mid-month price.
 Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.
 Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Wheat: Prices Received, by State, November and December 2005

C	All V	Vheat	Winter	Wheat	Durum	Wheat	Oth Spring Wheat		
State	Nov 1	Dec ²							
	Dollars per Bushel								
AR	2.71	(3)	2.71	(³)					
CA	2.86	(3)	2.85	(3)	$\binom{3}{}$	(4)			
CO	3.29	3.33	3.29	3.33			(4)	(4)	
ID	3.25	3.18	3.04	3.00	(3)	$(^3)$	3.57	3.50	
IL	2.85	2.90	2.85	2.90					
IN	3.00	2.90	3.00	2.90					
KS	3.34	3.38	3.34	3.38					
MI	2.91	2.90	2.91	2.90					
MN	3.59	3.57	$\binom{3}{}$	$\binom{3}{}$			3.60	3.57	
MO	2.99	3.15	2.99	3.15					
MT	3.53	3.56	3.39	3.43	3.36	3.55	3.73	3.73	
NE	3.29	3.40	3.29	3.40					
ND	3.53	3.61	2.82	(3)	3.18	3.25	3.64	3.70	
OH	2.79	2.88	2.79	2.88					
OK	3.40	3.42	3.40	3.42					
OR	3.17	3.13	3.13	3.10			3.42	3.30	
SD	3.80	3.74	3.39	3.43			3.94	3.85	
TX	3.85	3.43	3.85	3.43					
WA	3.45	3.37	3.17	3.14			4.10	3.90	
US	3.47	3.47	3.29	3.30	3.25	3.33	3.73	3.71	

¹ Entire month.

Prices Received for Selected Agricultural Commodities, by Month, United States, 2004 and 2005 $^{\rm 1}$

M 41-	All Wheat		Co	Corn		eans	Beef Cattle ²		All I	Hogs
Month	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Dollars per Bushel	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt					
Jan	3.68	3.43	2.39	2.12	7.35	5.57	81.10	89.40	36.60	53.20
Feb	3.77	3.36	2.61	1.95	8.28	5.42	78.50	89.00	42.60	50.70
Mar	3.83	3.42	2.75	2.02	9.28	5.95	83.70	91.30	47.20	51.20
Apr	3.88	3.35	2.89	2.00	9.62	6.03	85.00	94.00	47.40	51.20
May	3.82	3.31	2.87	1.98	9.56	6.21	88.50	92.40	56.60	54.90
Jun	3.55	3.23	2.79	2.03	9.08	6.58	89.80	88.50	56.70	49.60
Jul	3.37	3.20	2.51	2.11	8.46	6.65	88.10	85.30	57.10	49.80
Aug	3.27	3.24	2.34	1.95	6.83	6.15	87.70	84.50	55.30	51.00
Sep	3.36	3.35	2.20	1.90	5.83	5.77	85.90	88.20	54.80	49.50
Oct	3.43	3.43	2.14	1.82	5.56	5.67	86.50	91.10	52.20	47.00
Nov	3.46	3.47	2.05	1.77	5.36	5.62	85.40	91.30	55.60	43.60
Dec	3.40	3.47	2.04	1.88	5.45	5.71	86.80	92.70	52.40	45.50

¹ Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months are for the entire month. ² Cows, steers and heifers.

Entire month.
 Mid-month.
 Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.
 Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Grains: Prices Received, by State, November and December 2005

M .1	All B	arley ¹	Co	orn	O	ats	Soyb	eans	Sorghui	n Grain
Month	Nov ²	Dec ³	Nov ²	Dec ³						
	Dollars per Bushel	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt							
AL										
AR							5.82	5.90	(⁴)	(4)
CA	(4)	(5)			(5)	(5)				
CO	2.15	2.37	2.19	2.05						
ID	2.97	3.01			,	,				
IL			1.87	2.00	(4)	(4)	5.78	5.90	3.23	3.50
IN			1.71	1.84			5.61	5.73		
IA			1.74	1.85	1.84	1.85	5.58	5.65		
KS			1.91	1.85	1.68	1.59	5.39	5.44	2.73	2.81
KY			1.99	2.05			5.75	5.90		
LA							5.91	6.20		
MI			1.62	1.75	1.81	1.90	5.62	5.70		
MN	(4)	(4)	1.63	1.74	1.41	1.49	5.55	5.68		
MS							5.84	5.85		
MO			1.77	1.90		_	5.63	5.80	3.04	3.25
MT	2.91	3.04			(4)	(5)				
NE			1.79	1.85	1.35	1.50	5.57	5.65	2.67	2.85
NY					(4)	(4)				
NC			2.00	2.09		_	5.53	5.55		
ND	2.05	2.00	1.70	1.75	1.52	(5)	5.35	5.40		
OH			1.69	1.87	(4)	(5)	5.55	5.75		
OK						_			3.12	3.29
OR	2.24	2.20			(4)	(4)				
PA			2.06	2.16	2.50	2.35				
SD	1.81	2.50	1.55	1.66	1.64	1.88	5.40	5.40		
TN			2.06	2.20			5.77	6.00		
TX			2.38	2.30	(4)	3.10			3.27	3.28
UT	2.09	2.04								
WA	2.03	2.11								
WI			1.73	1.75	1.59	1.65	5.48	5.50		
WY	3.06	3.18								
US	2.64	2.54	1.77	1.88	1.63	1.73	5.62	5.71	2.82	2.94

¹ The Three-State (MN, ND and SD) Feed Barley price is discontinued.

Malting and Feed Barley: Prices Received Selected State, November and December 2005

C4-4-	Malting	g Barley	Feed Barley								
State	Nov ¹ Dec ²		Nov ¹	Dec ²							
	Dollars per Bushel	Dollars per Bushel	Dollars per Bushel	Dollars per Bushel							
ID	3.18	3.20	1.85	1.90							
MN	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)							
MT	3.03	3.18	1.66	(3)							
ND	2.33	2.30	1.52	1.45							
SD	2.01	2.50	1.25	(4)							
WY	(3)	$(^3)$	1.56	1.60							

¹ Entire month.

² Entire month.

³ Mid-month.

⁴ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

⁵ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

² Mid-month.

³ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

⁴ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Field Crops: Prices Received, by State, November and December 2005

State		Edible ans		ll ower	Flax	seed	Peanuts ⁴	
	Nov 1	Dec ²	Nov 1	Dec ²	Nov 1	Dec ²	Nov 1	Dec ³
	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Bushel	Dollars per Bushel	Dollars per Pound	Dollars per Pound
AL							0.167	(5)
CA	46.40	44.60						
CO	18.10	18.20						. 5 .
FL							0.166	(5)
GA ID	22.40	21.20					0.171	0.168
ID IN	22.40	21.20						
KS			11.00	9.95				
KY			11.00	7.73				
MD								
MI	18.60	21.00						
MN	20.80	(5)	16.70	16.40				
MO								
NE	16.60	16.10						_
NC							0.211	(5)
ND	15.00	14.60	12.80	11.90	5.94	5.80		
OH								
OK SC								
SD			11.50	10.60	5.48	(6)		
TN			11.50	10.00	3.40	()		
TX							(⁵)	(⁵)
VA							(⁵) (⁵)	(⁵) (⁵)
WV							,	, ,
US	18.30	18.60	12.30	11.30	5.93	5.80	0.176	0.174

¹ Entire month.
2 Mid-month.
3 Based on sales through first half of month.
4 In-Shell.
5 Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.
6 Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Field Crops and Apples: Prices Received, by State, November and December 2005

	Cotton	Halon d			December		
State	Cotton,	Upland	Cotton-		Hay, Baled ³		Apples Fresh
	Nov 1	Dec ²	seed 5	All	Alfalfa	Other	Use 1 4
	Dollars per Pound	Dollars per Pound	Dollars per Ton	Dollars per Ton	Dollars per Ton	Dollars per Ton	Dol/Lb
AL	0.525	0.513	76.00				
AZ	0.539	(6)	125.00	120.00	120.00	110.00	
AR	0.502	0.490	93.00				
CA	0.573	0.586	136.00	136.00	143.00	88.00	0.378
CO				100.00	100.00	99.00	
GA	0.502	0.504	74.00				
ID				119.00	122.00	80.00	
IL				95.00	101.00	77.00	
IA				80.00	82.00	58.00	
KS				67.00	73.00	52.00	
KY				82.00	120.00	70.00	
LA	0.485	0.487	(7)				
MI				94.00	95.00	75.00	0.205
MN				70.00	75.00	51.00	
MS	0.493	0.495	96.00				
MO				64.00	106.00	51.00	
MT				67.00	67.00	66.00	
NE				49.00	49.00	46.00	
NV				128.00	128.00	128.00	
NM				121.00	123.00	100.00	
NY				117.00	130.00	100.00	0.270
NC	0.445	0.462	79.00				
ND				49.00	54.00	37.00	
OH				116.00	141.00	84.00	0.345
OK				85.00	104.00	60.00	
OR				114.00	122.00	97.00	
PA				141.00	168.00	134.00	0.210
SD				60.00	63.00	50.00	
TN	0.485	0.477	83.00				
TX	0.449	0.454	102.00	91.00	129.00	86.00	
UT				103.00	104.00	82.00	
VA							0.270
WA				116.00	115.00	120.00	0.263
WI				115.00	125.00	75.00	
WY				77.00	78.00	72.00	
US	0.485	0.489	95.10	92.00	97.70	78.00	0.265

Entire month.

Upland Cotton and Rice: Prices Received and Marketings, United States, December 2005, with Comparisons

Item	Unit	Oct 2005 ¹	Nov 2005 ¹	Dec 2005 ²
Cotton, Upland Average Price Marketings ³	Dollars per Pound 1,000 Bales	0.485 911	0.485 1,831	0.489 NA
Rice Average Price Marketings ⁴	Dollars per Cwt 1,000 Cwt	6.94 13,860	7.44 14,392	7.56 NA

¹ Entire month.

Based on sales during the first half of the month.

Mid-month.

Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, NY, and WA. Price at point of first sale for other States.
 Marketing year August - February.
 Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.
 Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Based on purchases for the first half of the month.
 Marketings based on a survey of cotton buyers in the major producing States - AL, AZ, AR, CA, GA, LA, MS, NC, TN, and TX.
 Purchases by private firms and rice (rough equivalent) shipped by cooperatives.

Citrus Fruit: Prices and Equivalent Returns, by Utilization, by State and United States, December 2005

Commodity,	F.O.B.	F.O.B. Equivalent Returns ¹							
State	Packed	Pa	ackinghouse-do	or		On-tree			
and Type	Fresh	All	Fresh	Process	All	Fresh	Process		
	Dollars per Box	Dollars per Box	Dollars per Box	Dollars per Box	Dollars per Box	Dollars per Box	Dollars per Box		
Grapefruit									
ĀΖ	22.80	16.03	16.03		13.61	13.61			
CA	20.10	12.49	13.33	-0.29	10.07	10.91	-2.71		
FL	24.50	12.09	16.38	7.73	9.37	13.98	4.68		
White	28.00	12.91	19.50	8.25	10.39	17.10	5.65		
Colored	24.00	11.93	15.90	7.60	9.17	13.50	4.45		
TX	29.70	14.40	19.31	2.00	13.19	18.10	0.79		
US	25.30	12.54	16.77	6.99	10.11	14.64	4.16		
Lemons									
AZ	26.40	9.97	15.89	-0.40	5.45	11.37	-4.92		
CA	27.60	12.75	17.09	-0.40	8.23	12.57	-4.92		
US	27.10	11.40	16.56	-0.40	6.88	12.04	-4.92		
0									
Oranges									
AZ	10.40	9.07	11.70	0.27	C 41	0.16	2.10		
Navel and Misc	19.40	8.97	11.72	0.37	6.41	9.16	-2.19		
CA									
Navel and Misc	20.40	10.71	12.72	0.37	8.15	10.16	-2.19		
FL									
Early and Mids	16.60	5.31	8.00	5.05	3.09	5.60	2.85		
TDX/									
TX Early and Mids	18.60	7.25	8.10	3.40	5.85	6.70	2.04		
Early and Mids	10.00	7.23	0.10	3.40	3.03	0.70	2.04		
US	19.50	6.72	11.55	4.77	4.42	9.05	2.55		
Tangelos									
FL	16.50	5.86	7.30	2.85	3.13	4.55	0.15		
Tangerines									
AZ	29.40	21.02	22.06	0.28	18.43	19.47	-2.31		
CA	37.40	26.87	30.06	0.28	24.28	27.47	-2.31		
FL	27.50	12.87	17.20	3.00	9.48	14.00	-0.80		
US	29.20	15.13	19.58	2.83	11.90	16.52	-0.89		
	27.20	13.13	17.50	2.03	11.70	10.32	-0.07		

¹ Net lbs. per box: Grapefruit - AZ & CA-67, FL-85, TX-80; Lemons - 76; Oranges - AZ & CA-75, FL-90, TX-85; Tangelos - 90; Tangerines - AZ & CA-75, FL-95; Temples - 90.

Potatoes: Prices Received, by State, November and December 2005 $^{\rm 1}$

State	Nov	Dec	State	Nov	Dec
	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt		Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt
AL			NC		4.50
AZ			ND - All ²	6.65	6.70
CA - All ²	10.80	11.40	- Fresh 3	9.60	NA
- Winter	17.40	17.10	- Processing	5.30	NA
- Spring			OH ⁴		
- Summer			OR	5.80	5.70
- Fall	8.10	8.05	PA ⁴		
CO - All ²	8.15	8.30	TX		
- Fresh ³	8.70	NA	VA		
FL			WA - All ²	5.55	5.55
ID - All ²	5.40	5.35	- Processing	4.60	NA
- Fresh ³	6.70	NA	WI - All ²	7.15	6.90
- Processing	4.50	NA	- Fresh ³	9.20	NA
ME	7.45	7.75	- Processing	4.80	NA
MI	7.40	7.90	110000001115	1.00	1111
MN	6.25	6.65	US - All ²	6.31	6.60
NY	12.70	12.90	- Fresh ³	8.52	NA
111	12.70	12.90	- Processing	4.87	NA NA
			- Flocessing	4.67	INA

Missing data indicates no potatoes being marketed.

Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stocks, processing, seed, and livestock feed.

Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices.

Estimates discontinued in 2005.

Cattle: Prices Received, by State, November and December 2005

G	Co	ws ¹	Steers &	Heifers	Beef C	Cattle ⁴	Cal	lves
State	Nov ²	Dec ³	Nov ²	Dec ³	Nov ²	Dec ³	Nov ²	Dec ³
	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt					
AZ	44.00	49.20	103.00	107.00	102.00	106.00	120.00	122.00
AR	42.50	42.40	107.00	110.00	87.70	89.70	130.00	130.00
CA	42.80	43.70	94.80	96.00	65.70	67.80	124.00	124.00
CO	48.20	46.80	119.00	119.00	118.00	118.00	137.00	137.00
FL	42.80	43.50	96.70	96.70	76.80	75.40	126.00	124.00
GA	45.10	46.60	97.60	99.80	62.40	64.70	122.00	124.00
ID	45.20	44.50	94.30	94.50	78.10	80.50	130.00	131.00
IL	48.00	49.00	88.00	88.50	87.20	87.70	124.00	125.00
IA	47.10	49.00	94.40	96.50	93.50	95.60	133.00	134.00
KS	47.00	46.50	95.50	96.30	94.00	94.80	143.00	144.00
KY	44.00	45.00	103.00	103.00	88.80	89.10	118.00	121.00
LA	42.40	44.00	99.30	104.00	62.90	63.20	119.00	122.00
MI	49.00	50.00	84.00	86.00	73.50	75.20	138.00	138.00
MN	50.70	50.00	85.50	88.00	76.80	78.50	133.00	138.00
MO	47.10	46.40	113.00	114.00	99.80	99.80	133.00	134.00
MT	49.90	49.90	121.00	120.00	108.00	103.00	143.00	146.00
NE	48.40	47.90	97.00	100.00	95.50	98.40	142.00	147.00
NM	46.00	47.30	112.00	111.00	83.60	82.30	128.00	128.00
ND	51.00	51.00	123.00	121.00	108.00	111.00	140.00	140.00
OH	42.90	46.00	92.20	90.00	87.30	85.60	118.00	115.00
OK	46.10	48.40	114.00	113.00	105.00	105.00	132.00	131.00
OR	42.00	42.00	103.00	102.00	84.70	84.00	121.00	123.00
PA	44.60	45.90	84.20	86.90	73.90	76.20	118.00	115.00
SD	49.50	48.70	116.00	110.00	104.00	94.10	143.00	143.00
TN	42.00	42.00	104.00	105.00	79.20	79.80	116.00	117.00
TX	42.10	43.70	94.60	96.60	89.40	91.30	130.00	133.00
VA	41.10	42.00	99.30	101.00	84.20	75.60	121.00	118.00
WI	47.50	47.50	87.70	89.70	64.40	65.20	169.00	173.00
WY	50.80	50.00	122.00	122.00	99.90	100.00	144.00	146.00
US	46.00	46.60	97.30	99.10	91.30	92.70	133.00	135.00

Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
 Entire month.
 Mid-month.
 "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

Hogs: Prices Received, by State, November and December 2005

C4-4-	So	ws	Barrows	and Gilts	All Hogs		
State	Nov 1	Dec ²	Nov 1	Dec ²	Nov 1	Dec ²	
	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	
AR	38.20	38.60	39.90	42.10	39.70	41.80	
IL	35.50	36.00	45.00	47.00	44.20	46.10	
IN	41.90	42.30	42.60	44.50	42.50	44.30	
IA	37.70	38.80	45.00	47.30	44.90	47.20	
KS	36.20	37.00	40.90	43.60	40.40	42.80	
MN	37.50	38.50	44.30	46.00	44.30	46.00	
MO	36.30	37.60	40.00	41.40	39.80	41.20	
NE	36.80	38.20	45.60	47.60	45.40	47.40	
NC	38.30	39.00	44.00	44.90	43.90	44.80	
OH	37.80	39.00	43.30	45.50	43.00	45.10	
OK	35.60	36.90	38.10	39.90	37.70	39.50	
PA	35.70	36.70	42.00	42.70	41.10	41.80	
SD	35.70	37.40	45.20	48.00	44.00	46.80	
US	37.00	38.20	43.90	45.80	43.60	45.50	

¹ Entire month. ² Mid-month.

Sheep and Poultry: Prices Received, by State, November and December 2005

G	November		December
State	Sheep 1	Lambs ¹	Eggs ^{2 3}
	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Dozen
AL			0.550
AR			0.560
CA	42.00	93.50	0.620
CO	43.60	105.00	
CT			0.670
FL			0.600
GA			0.550
ID	44.00	103.00	
IN			0.580
IA	48.10	91.10	0.491
KY	45.00	102.00	
ME			0.770
MI			0.550
MN	43.00	97.40	0.550
MS			0.550
MO	50.10	103.00	0.460
MT	46.00	124.00	
NE	46.20	95.00	
NY			0.600
NC			0.560
ND	46.00	115.00	
OH	49.40	101.00	0.600
OR	45.00	97.60	
PA	48.60	108.00	0.560
SC			0.590
SD	44.70	136.00	
TX	51.50	114.00	0.590
VA	41.00	111.00	
WA			0.590
WV	39.40	109.00	0.000
WY	45.20	122.00	
	.3.20	122.00	
US	45.40	107.00	0.564

¹ Entire month.
² Mid-month.
³ Market (table) eggs.

Milk and Milk Cows: Prices Received, by State, November and December 2005

			Nover	nber 1				December	
State	Fluid (Mil		Manufacturing Grade Milk		All Milk ³		All Milk ^{3 4}		Milk
	Price	Fat Test	Price	Fat Test	Price	Fat Test	Price	Fat Test	Cows 5
	Dol/Cwt	Percent	Dol/Cwt	Percent	Dol/Cwt	Percent	Dol/Cwt	Percent	Dol/Head
AZ CA CO	15.00 13.60 14.80	3.68 3.78 3.66	14.80	4.13	15.00 13.64 14.80	3.68 3.79 3.66	14.50 13.70 14.10	3.70 3.82 3.65	
FL	18.90	3.70			18.90	3.70	17.90	3.69	
ID IL	13.60 15.90	3.77 3.90	13.60 15.40	4.10 3.75	13.60 15.90	3.77 3.90	13.50 15.80	3.76 3.85	
IN IA	15.90 16.20	3.80 3.77	13.70 14.50	3.87 3.95	15.80 16.20	3.80 3.77	15.00 15.40	3.85 3.75	
KS KY	14.40 16.20	3.76 3.78			14.40 16.20	3.76 3.78	14.00 15.20	3.77 3.81	
MI	15.60	3.75	13.60	3.78	15.60	3.75	15.10	3.74	
MN MO	15.30 16.20	3.84 3.78	13.60 14.10	3.92 3.97	15.20 16.10	3.84 3.79	15.00 15.20	3.82 3.78	
NM NY	14.20 16.00	3.70 3.82			14.20 16.00	3.70 3.82	13.70 15.00	3.73 3.82	
OH OR	16.10 15.10	3.80 3.82	14.00	3.94	16.00 15.10	3.81 3.82	15.40 14.70	3.86 3.83	
PA	17.10	3.80	14.60	4.05	17.10	3.80	16.40	3.75	
TX VT	15.50 16.10	3.87 3.85			15.50 16.10	3.87 3.85	15.30 15.30	3.88 3.82	
VA WA	16.40 15.10	3.66 3.82			16.40 15.10	3.66 3.82	15.50 14.70	3.70 3.83	
WI	15.50	3.83	14.40	4.04	15.50	3.84	15.30	3.82	
US	15.10	3.79	14.40	4.03	15.10	3.80	14.70	3.80	

¹ Entire month.

Parity Price Equivalent for Manufacturing Milk ¹: United States, November and December 2005, with Comparisons

Item	Unit	Dec 2004	Nov 2005	Dec 2005
Parity Equivalent Average Price F.O.B ² Average Fat Test of Milk ²	Dollars per Cwt	31.64	34.37	34.28
	Dollars per Cwt	16.10	14.40	14.40
	Percent	3.99	4.03	4.05

¹ The parity price equivalent during 2005 is 91.4 percent of the parity price of all milk sold to plants, compared with 90.4 percent in 2004. For additional details, see January 2005 issue of "Agricultural Prices".

² Preliminary for December 2005.

² Including milk diverted to manufacturing.

Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

⁴ Preliminary.

⁵ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

United States Parity Prices for Farm Products and Average Prices Received as Percent of Parity Prices Based on Data for December 2005, with Comparisons 1

Commenditor and Heir	Adjusted		Parity Price sed on Data	for	Pı	rice as Perce of Parity	nt
Commodity and Unit	Base Price	Dec 2004	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Dec 2004	Nov 2005	Dec 2005
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	Percent	Percent
Basic Commodities							
All Wheat, Bu	0.555	10.00	10.60	10.60	34	33	33
Rice, Cwt	1.38	29.00	26.30	26.20	25	28	29
Corn, Bu	0.372	6.74	7.10	7.08	30	25	27
Cotton, Lb							
American Upland	0.095	2.01	1.81	1.81	20	27	27
Extra Long Staple	0.142	2.56	2.71	2.70			
Peanuts, Lb	0.0350	0.658	0.668	0.666	28	26	26
Designated Nonbasic							
All Milk, Sold to							
Plants, Per Cwt ²	1.97	35.00	37.60	37.50	46	39	39
Honey, Extracted, Lb ³	0.1280	1.87	2.28	2.28			
Wool and Mohair							
Wool, Lb	0.0910	1.56	1.74	1.73			
Mohair, Lb	0.333	5.94	6.36	6.33			
Other Nonbasic							
Barley, Bu	0.377	6.69	7.20	7.17	37	37	35
Cottonseed, Ton	15.50	281.00	296.00	295.00	40	31	32
Dry Edible Beans, Cwt	2.82	51.90	53.80	53.60	51	34	35
Flaxseed, Bu	0.753	12.90	14.40	14.30	65	41	41
Oats, Bu	0.221	3.93	4.22	4.20	41	39	41
Potatoes, Cwt	0.838	15.20	16.00	15.90	35	39	42
Rye, Bu	0.355	6.28	5.78	6.75			
Sorghum Grain, Cwt	0.607	11.00	11.60	11.50	27	24	26
Soybeans, Bu	0.900	15.90	17.20	17.10	34	33	33
Sweetpotatoes, Cwt	2.31	40.00	44.10	43.90	21	40	20
Apples, Fresh, Lb ⁴	0.0292	0.528	0.557	0.555	31	40	39
Citrus (equiv on-tree), Box	0.204	c 00	7.50	7.40	214	1.40	125
Grapefruit	0.394	6.88	7.52	7.49	214	142	135 32
Lemons	1.12	19.60	21.40	21.30	47	46	
Oranges	0.574 1.35	11.00 25.20	11.00 25.80	10.90 25.70	30 53	80 51	41 46
Tangerines	0.379				33	31	46
Temples (FL) Beef Cattle, Cwt	9.65	8.02 170.00	7.24 184.00	7.21 184.00	51	50	50
Calves, Cwt	13.10	228.00	250.00	249.00	54	53	54
Hogs, Cwt	5.97	105.00	250.00 114.00	249.00 114.00	54 50	38	40
Lambs, Cwt	11.70	201.00	223.00	223.00	50	48	40
Sheep, Cwt	4.72	83.60	90.10	89.80	53	50	
Eggs, Doz ²	0.0940	1.69	1.79	1.79	33 37	30	36
Turkeys, Live, Lb	0.0565	1.020	1.79	1.79	45	51	51

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Parity Prices Based on Data for December 2005, United States ¹ (continued)

Other Nonbasic Commodities	Adj Base Base	Parity Price	Other Nonbasic Commodities	Adj Base Base	Parity Price
	Dollars	Dollars		Dollars	Dollars
Field Crops and			Olives, CA		
Misc Commodities			canning, Ton 5	95.70	1,820.00
Hops, Lb	0.251	4.77	Papayas (HA)	0.0528	1.000
Spearmint Oil, Lb	1.46	27.80	Peaches		
Tobacco, Lb			Fresh, Ton 4	81.57	1,550.00
Flue-Cured, 11-14	0.255	4.85	Dried, CA,		
VA Fire-Cured, 21	0.256	4.87	Ton	84.00	1,600.00
KY-TN Fire-Cured,					
22-23	0.323	6.14	Noncitrus Fruit		
Burley, 31	0.274	5.21	Peaches, cont.		
Maryland, 32	0.210	3.99	Processing ⁵		
Dark Air-Cured,		- 40	Excl Dried		
35-36	0.284	5.40	Clingstone,	22.50	627 00
Sun-Cured, 37	0.241	4.58	CA, Ton	33.50	637.00
PA Seedleaf, 41	0.205	3.90	Pears, Ton	53 00	1 010 00
Cigar Filler &			Fresh ⁴	52.90	1,010.00
Binder,	0.225	4.20	Dried, CA ⁶	164.00	3,120.00
42-44, 54-55	0.225	4.28	Plums, CA, Ton		
Puerto Rican	0.159	3.02	Fresh, Equiv on-Tree	66.70	1 270 00
Filler, 46 Cigar Binder,	0.139	3.02	Prunes, Dried,	00.70	1,270.00
51-52	0.747	14.20	CA, Ton ⁶	127.00	2,420.00
Type 61	3.21	61.10	Prunes and Plums,	127.00	2,420.00
Type of	3.21	01.10	Excl CA, Ton		
Noncitrus Fruit			Fresh 9	58.90	1,120.00
Apples, Ton ⁶			Processing ⁶	30.70	1,120.00
Processing	18.30	348.00	Excl Dried	27.50	523.00
Apricots, Ton	10.50	340.00	Exer Bried	27.30	323.00
Fresh ⁷	99.00	1,880.00	Tree Nuts 10		
Dried, CA	270.00	5,140.00	Almonds, Lb	0.213	4.05
Avocados, Ton ⁷	234.00	4,450.00	Hazelnuts, Ton	135.00	2,570.00
Cherries		,	Pistachio, Lb	0.159	3.02
Sweet, Ton	188.00	3,580.00	Walnuts, Ton	173.00	3,290.00
Tart, Lb	0.0319	0.607	,		,
Cranberry, Bbl 5	5.69	108.00	Vegetables, Cwt 11		
Dates, CA, Ton ⁷	181.00	3,440.00	Fresh		
Grapes, Ton			Carrots 8	2.28	43.40
Raisin Variety	124.00	2,360.00	Cauliflower 8	4.60	87.50
Other Dried	70.50	1,340.00	Celery ⁸	1.97	37.50
Kiwifruit, Ton	91.30	1,740.00	Honeydew Melons	2.75	52.30
Nectarines			Lettuce	2.50	47.60
Fresh, CA,			Onions 8	1.65	31.40
Ton ⁷	62.60	1,190.00	Tomatoes	4.44	84.40

¹ Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle a, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, and 1956. See January "Agricultural Prices" for details on adjusted base price and parity price computations.

Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

Wholesale extracted. Adjusted base price derived from state annual averages prices weighted by production. For 1982

through 1985 the national averages are the support prices.

⁴ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, NY (apples only), OR (except peaches), and WA. Price at point of first sale for other states.

⁵ Equivalent returns for bulk fruit at first delivery point.

⁶ Equivalent returns at processing plant door.

Equivalent returns at processing plant door.

Equivalent returns at packinghouse door.

Includes some processing.

Based on "as sold" prices for fresh fruit in all states.

Prices in-shell basis except almonds which are shelled basis.

¹¹ F.O.B. shipping point prices.

Hops: Marketing Year Average Prices Received, by State and United States, 2004-2005

State	2004	2005
	Dollars per Pound	Dollars per Pound
ID OR WA	1.60 2.31 1.83	1.63 2.57 1.87
US	1.88	1.95

Reliability of Prices Received Estimates

Definition: Prices received represent sales from producers to first buyers. They include all grades and qualities. The average commodity price from the survey multiplied by the total quantity marketed theoretically should give the total cash receipts for the commodity.

Survey Procedures: Primary sales data used to determine grain prices were obtained from probability samples of about 2000 mills and elevators. These procedures ensure that virtually all grain moving into commercial channels has a chance of being included in the survey. Generally, States surveyed account for 90 percent or more of total U.S. production. Livestock prices are obtained from packers, stockyards, auctions, dealers, and market check data from AMS-USDA, private marketing organizations, and state commodity groups and agencies. Inter-farm sales of grain and livestock are not included since they represent very small percentages of the total marketings. Grain marketed for seed is also excluded. Fruit and vegetable prices are obtained from sample surveys and market check data from AMS-USDA, private marketing organizations, state agencies, and universities.

Summary and Estimation Procedures: Survey quantities sold are expanded by strata to state levels and used to weight average strata prices to a state average. State prices are then weighted to a U.S. price based on expanded marketings. Recommendations are prepared by the State Statistical Offices and reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board in Washington, D.C. State recommendations are reviewed for reasonableness with survey data, other States, and recent historic estimates.

Revisions: For most items, the current month's preliminary price represents a 3-5 day period around the 15th of the month. Previous month's prices represent actual dollars received for quantities sold during the entire month. Revisions are published in monthly issues of *Agricultural Prices*.

Reliability: U.S. price estimates based on probability surveys generally have a sampling error of less than one percent for the major commodities such as corn, wheat, soybeans, cotton, and rice. Current methods of summarization for non-probability commodities are not designed directly to calculate sampling errors. However, analytical measures approximate the U.S. relative sampling errors at around five percent. Any nonsampling errors are attributed to such things as the inability to obtain correct information, differences in interpreting questions or definitions, mistakes in coding or processing the data, etc. Efforts are made at each step in the survey process to minimize these nonsampling errors.

Prices Paid by Farmers

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW), at 143, (1990-92=100), is unchanged from November 2005 but up 6.7 percent from December 2004.

PRODUCTION INDEX: The December index, at 142, is unchanged from last month but increased 7.6 percent from last year. Lower prices in December for feeder cattle, diesel fuel, complete feeds, and LP gas offset higher prices for nitrogen fertilizers, feed concentrates, feeder pigs, and feed grains.

Feed: The December index, at 115, increased 0.9 percent from November and is 5.5 percent above last December. Since November, higher prices for feed concentrates, feed grains, feed supplements, and hay & forages more than offset lower prices for complete feeds.

Livestock & Poultry: The December index for livestock and poultry purchases, at 147, decreased 1.3 percent from last month but is 11 percent above last year. Since November, lower prices for feeder cattle more than offset higher prices for feeder pigs. The December feeder cattle price, at \$123.80 per cwt, is down \$3.30 per cwt from the November price. December feeder pigs averaged \$151.00 per cwt, up \$15.00 per cwt from November.

Fertilizer: The December index, at 186, is up 5.7 percent from November and up 22 percent from December a year ago. Since November, prices are higher for nitrogen fertilizers, mixed fertilizers, and potash & phosphate materials.

Agricultural Chemicals: The December index, at 123, increased 0.8 percent from November and is 3.4 percent greater than last December.

Fuels: The December index, at 226, is down 5.8 percent from a month earlier but up 35 percent above December 2004. Compared with last month, prices are lower for diesel fuel, LP gas, and gasoline.

Farm Machinery: The December index, at 172, is unchanged from November but up 3.0 percent from last December. Since November, prices are higher for tractors.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: The November 2005 Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) decreased 0.8 percent before seasonal adjustment to a level of 197.6 (1982-84=100). This compares with the October index of 199.2. For the 12-month period ending in November, the overall index has increased 3.5 percent.

Indexes of Prices Paid by Farmers and Related Parity Ratios United States, December 2005 With Comparisons

Indexes	19	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
and Ratios	2004	200)5	2004	200:	5	
	Dec	Nov	Dec	Dec	Nov	Dec	
Prices Paid by Farmers for							
Commodities & Services,							
Interest, Taxes, & Wage							
Rates (PPITW)	1,786	*1,901	1,902	134	143	143	
Production	1,276	*1,378	1,379	132	*142	142	
Feed	531	*559	562	109	*114	115	
Livestock & Poultry	1,704	*1,902	1,880	133	149	147	
Seeds	1,564	1,694	1,694	158	171	171	
Fertilizer	562	*646	681	153	*176	186	
Agricultural Chemicals	734	*755	758	119	122	123	
Fuels	1,293	*1,851	1,747	167	*240	226	
Farm Supplies & Repairs	989	*1,034	1,034	139	*146	146	
Autos & Trucks	3,067	*3,016	3,031	115	*113	114	
Farm Machinery	4,200	*4,311	4,325	167	*172	172	
Building Materials	1,871	*1,977	1,995	138	146	147	
Farm Services & Rent	1,456	*1,504	1,504	104	*100	120	
Farm Services				124	*128 123	128 123	
Rent Interest ¹	2 502	2 642	2 642	120	-		
Taxes ²	2,593 3,474	2,643 3,542	2,643 3,542	103 130	105 132	105 132	
Wage Rates	6,022	6,209	6,209	161	166	166	
Production, Interest, Taxes,	0,022	0,209	0,209	101	100	100	
& Wage Rates (PITW)	1,781	*1.906	1.908	133	142	142	
Family Living-CPI ³	1,807	*1,877	1,877	141	*147	147	
I diffiny Living-CTT	1,007	1,077	1,077	141	147	147	
Ratio (Received\Paid)				83	79	80	
Parity Ratio ⁴	40	*38	38	05	,,	00	
Parity Ratio Adjusted ⁵	42	*42	42				
PPITW Adjusted for							
Productivity ⁶	1,218	*1,255	1,255				
Crop Sector (PPITW)				137	*146	147	
Livestock Sector (PPITW)				131	*139	139	
Farm Sector (Production)				125	136	135	
Non-Farm Sector (Production)				135	*145	146	
* Ravisad				133	170	1+0	

^{*} Revised.

Interest per acre on farm real estate debt and interest rate on farm non-real estate debt.

² Farm real estate taxes payable per acre.
³ Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), for the previous month converted by the

⁴ Ratio of index of prices received to PPITW (1910-14=100).
⁵ Based on estimated cash receipts, from marketings and government payments, the preliminary adjustment factor is 1.105 for 2005 and the revised factor is 1.048 for 2004.

⁶ PPITW is adjusted based on productivity trend for the prior 15 years.

Prices Paid Indexes and Annual Weights for Input Components and Sub-Components United States, December 2005 With Comparisons

	Relative	Weights		Input Indexes	
Index	5-Year Movi		2004	200	05
	2004	2005	Dec	Nov	Dec
	Percent	Percent	(1990-92=100)	(1990-92=100)	(1990-92=100)
Production Items	66.2	66.4	132	*142	142
Feed	10.7	10.7	109	*114	115
Feed Grains	1.5	1.5	87	78	82
Complete Feeds	5.2	5.2	112	*114	111
Hay/Forages	1.3	1.3	110	119	120
Concentrates	1.7	1.7	103	*130	137
Supplements	0.9	0.9	134	*143	148
Livestock & Poultry	7.4	7.7	133	149	147
Feeder Cattle	5.8	6.0	130	150	146
Feeder Pigs	0.6	0.6	175	*148	164
Milk Cow Replacements	0.6	0.6	145	166	166
Poultry	0.4	0.5	110	110	110
Seeds	3.3	3.5	158	171	171
Field Crops	3.0	3.2	163	177	177
Grasses/Legumes	0.3	0.3	111	118	118
Fertilizer	4.4	4.3	153	*176	186
Mixed Fertilizer	1.9	1.9	131	*143	146
Nitrogen	1.8	1.8	179	*214	234
Potash & Phosphate	0.6	0.6	147	167	168
Agricultural Chemicals	3.7	3.6	119	122	123
Herbicides	2.4	2.3	113	115	116
Insecticides	0.9	0.8	133	*141	142
Fungicides/Other	0.5	0.5	119	*122	122
Fuels	2.7	2.7	167	*240	226
Diesel	1.5	1.6	173	*264	250
Gasoline	0.8	0.8	148	*198	191
LP Gas	0.4	0.4	186	*228	201
Farm Supplies & Repairs	5.4	5.2	139	*146	146
Supplies	1.8	1.7	129	*138	138
Repairs	3.6	3.5	144	149	149
Autos & Trucks	1.8	1.8	115	*113	114
Autos	0.2	0.2	108	109	110
Trucks	1.6	1.5	116	114	115
Farm Machinery	4.0	4.0	167	*172	172
Tractors	0.9	0.9	149	*157	160
Self-Propelled	1.6	1.6	181	177	177
Other Machinery	1.5	1.5	163	175	175
Building Materials	3.3	3.6	138	146	147
Farm Services	12.4	12.4	124	*128	128
Custom Rates	1.3	1.3	125	125	125
Other Services	11.1	11.1	124	129	129
Rent	7.1	6.9	120	123	123
Cash	3.8	3.7	145	147	147
Share	3.3	3.2	91	94	94
Interest	4.7	4.5	103	105	105
Taxes	3.0	2.9	130	132	132
Wage Rates	7.6	7.6	161	166	166
Family Living-CPI	18.5	18.6	141	*147	147
- minij Erinig Cri	10.5	13.0	171	1-1/	17/

^{*} Revised.

1 Weights may not add due to rounding.

Feed Price Ratios: United States, December 2005 with Comparisons

Feed Price Ratio ¹	2004	20	05
reed Flice Ratio	Dec	Nov	Dec
Broiler-Feed: Pounds of Broiler Grower Feed equal in value to 1 pound of broiler, live weight	6.6	*7.3	6.6
Market Egg Feed: Pounds of Laying Feed equal in Value to 1 dozen eggs	9.8	*10.2	11.5
Hog-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hog, live weight	25.7	*24.6	24.2
Milk-Feed: Pounds of 16% Mixed Dairy Feed equal in value to 1 pound of Whole Milk	3.67	*3.46	3.28
Steer & Heifer-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of Steer & Heifers, live weight	45.0	*55.0	52.7
Turkey-Feed: Pounds of Turkey Grower equal in value to 1 pound of Turkey, live weight	8.2	10.1	9.7

Prices Used to Calculate Feed Price Ratios: United States, December 2005 with Comparisons

G	TT 1:	2004	2005		
Commodity	Unit	Dec	Nov	Dec	
Broilers, Live	Lb	0.390	0.420	0.390	
Eggs, Market	Doz	0.488	0.482	0.564	
Hogs, All	Cwt	52.40	*43.60	45.50	
Milk, All	Cwt	16.40	15.10	14.70	
Steers and Heifers	Cwt	91.90	*97.30	99.10	
Turkeys, Live	Lb	0.459	0.549	0.543	
Corn	Bu	2.04	*1.77	1.88	
Hay, Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	92.10	97.50	97.70	
Soybeans	Bu	5.45	*5.62	5.71	
Wheat, All	Bu	3.40	*3.47	3.47	

^{*} Revised.

Feeder Livestock: Prices Paid, United States December 2005 with Comparisons

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Commodity	Unit	2004	2005		
Commodity	Oiiit	Unit Dec Nov		Dec	
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	
Feeders and Stockers Cattle and Calves Feeder Pigs	Cwt Cwt	109.70 161.00	127.10 *136.00	123.80 151.00	

^{*} Revised.

^{*} Revised.

1 Effective January 1995, prices of commercial prepared feeds are based on current U.S. prices received for corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and all wheat.

Feed: April Prices Paid, United States, 2000-2005 ¹

Item	Unit	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Alfalfa Meal	Cwt	12.50	13.40	14.40	15.00	14.90	15.40
Alfalfa Pellets	"	12.40	13.40	14.40	15.30	15.20	15.20
Bran	,,	13.20	13.40	13.60	13.70	14.80	15.00
Beef Cattle Conc.,							
32-36% Protein	Ton	261	279	277	290	342	316
Corn Meal	Cwt	7.67	7.59	8.06	9.90	9.84	9.57
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	"	14.90	15.70	15.80	16.60	18.40	17.20
Dairy Feed							
14% Protein ²	Ton	170	176	175	183	200	220
16% Protein ²	"	175	184	190	200	218	197
18% Protein ²	"	179	185	194	207	229	206
20% Protein ²	"	183	184	191	201	233	206
32% Protein Conc.	,,	287	291	298	311	381	331
Hog Feed							
14-18% Protein ^{2 3}	"	203	215	216	223	256	219
38-42% Protein Conc.	,,	297	302	307	322	415	398
Molasses, Liquid	Cwt	12.00	12.40	12.90	13.30	14.20	14.80
Poultry Feed							
Broiler Grower ²	Ton	226	232	259	234	278	237
Chick Starter ²	"	249	239	240	241	299	268
Laying Feed ²	,,	206	212	225	232	249	226
Turkey Grower ²	• • •	255	259	264	279	315	315
Soybean Meal, 44%	Cwt	13.00	13.40	13.50	14.50	19.60	16.10
Stock Salt	50 Lb	4.01	4.05	4.12	4.30	4.53	4.78
Trace Mineral Blocks	50 Lb	5.02	5.14	5.24	5.40	5.53	5.52
		Index (1990-92=100)					
Feed							
Prices Paid Index 4	Pct	102	109	112	113	121	116

¹ April survey only, quarterly surveys discontinued January 1995.
² Complete ration feed, fed without mixing or supplementation.
³ Excluding pig starter.
⁴ Annual average for all years.

Feeder Livestock: Annual Average Prices Paid, United States, 2000-2005

Item	Unit	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Broiler Chicks Egg-Type Chicks Feeders and Stockers	100 100	20.50 48.00	20.60 53.90	21.10 52.00	21.10 50.50	20.50 53.60	$\binom{1}{1}$
Cattle and Calves Feeder Pigs	Cwt Cwt	91.00 112.00	91.30 110.50	83.20 85.80	92.00 93.80	109.20 114.50	117.40 142.60
Turkey Poults	Each	1.14	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.10	$(^{1})$
				Index (19	990-92=100)		
Livestock and Poultry Prices Paid Index ²	Pct	110	111	102	109	128	138

Annual average data are published in April 2006.
 Annual average.

The data presented in the following tables are calculated and published for use by the Forest Service, USDA and the Bureau of Land Management, USDI in computing Public Land Grazing Fees.

2005 Prices Paid Index for Beef Cattle Production (1964-68=100) 1: 686

¹ The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers and Ranchers for Beef Cattle Production input items is for the period of November 2004 through October 2005. The components of this index include the production indexes of Fuels & Energy, Farm & Motor Supplies, Autos & Trucks, Tractors & Self Propelled Machinery, Other Machinery, Building & Fencing Materials, Interest, Farm Wage Rates, and Farm Services. These components are weighted to the overall index value by their importance in the cost of producing beef cattle, the weights are unchanged from a year earlier.

Beef Cattle: Prices Received, Selected Regions, 2005 1

State	Beef Cattle	
	Dollars Per Cwt	
9 Great Plains States ² 11 Western States ³ 16 Western States ⁴ 17 Western States ⁵		93.56 91.04 93.20 92.17

Average for November 2004 through October 2005, except NV, UT, and WA which are marketing year averages.

² CO, KS, NE, NM, ND, OK, SD, TX, and WY.
³ AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, and WY.
⁴ Eleven Western States plus KS, NE, ND, OK, and SD.

⁵ Sixteen Western States plus TX.

Prices Paid by Farmers

Definition: Prices paid by farmers represent the average costs of inputs purchased by farmers and ranchers to produce agricultural commodities. Conceptually, the average price when multiplied by quantity purchased should equal total producer expenditures for the item.

Survey Procedures: The prices paid data are obtained from establishments that sell goods and services to farmers and ranchers. Annually, about 8,500 firms are randomly selected from lists by type of item sold with an average response rate in the range of 75-80 percent. Firms are asked to report the price for the specified item "most commonly bought by farmers" or that was the "volume seller". Approximately 135 items are surveyed each April to represent all production input items purchased. The survey reference period for most items is the 5 business days centered around the 15th of the month. Separate prices paid surveys are conducted for, agricultural chemicals, fuels, feed, fertilizer, machinery, and seed.

Summary and Estimation Procedures: The annual April Prices Paid Survey is summarized as a nonprobability survey. Average prices reported are aggregated to the region and U.S. level using weights available from expenditure data and other administrative sources. Price recommendations are prepared by the State Statistical Offices and Headquarters for review by the Agricultural Statistics Board in Washington, D.C. Also, the change in price level for individual items surveyed are combined to the regional and U.S. levels, and are published as prices paid indexes referenced to a specific base period. Prices paid indexes for new autos and trucks, building materials, farm supplies, motor supplies, and marketing containers are updated based on price changes measured in selected Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indexes.

Revisions: Any revisions are published in the monthly and in annual issues of *Agricultural Prices*. The basis for revision must be supported by additional data that directly affect the level of the estimate. More revisions are likely in April when separate prices paid surveys are conducted, in lieu of BLS indexes, by the USDA to measure price change.

Reliability: Current methods of summarization in April are not designed directly to calculate sampling errors. However, analytical measures approximate the U.S. relative sampling errors for major items around 10 percent. Any nonsampling errors are attributed to such things as the inability to obtain correct information, differences in interpreting questions or definitions, mistakes in coding or processing the data, etc. Efforts are made at each step in the survey process to minimize these nonsampling errors.

Program Change: Effective January 1, 1995, the National Agricultural Statistics Service updated the weights and changed the construction of its prices paid and received by farmers indexes. A Federal Register Notice dated October 28, 1994 discussed these program modifications.

A 1990-92 reference and base period replaced the 1977 reference and 1971-73 base weight period. Five-year moving average weights replaced the current fixed 1971-73 base period weights. The 1910-14=100 price indexes, required by statute for computing parity prices, were linked forward based on the changes in the new 1990-92=100 indexes. The new indexes were constructed by multiplying the ratios of the current prices to the base period prices by the moving average weights (adjusted for seasonal marketing patterns for the prices received indexes).

Calendar of Prices Received Features in the 2005 Agricultural Price Reports

Annual or Marketing Year Average Prices:	Month Published
Apricots, U.S.	Feb
Austrian Winter Peas, U.S.	Sep
Barley, U.S.	
by State and U.S.	
Broilers, by State and U.S.	
Cattle, by State and U.S.	
Chickens, Other by State and U.S.	
Chickpeas, by State and U.S.	
Corn, U.S.	
by State and U.S.	
Cotton, by Type, State and U.S.	
Cottonseed, by State and U.S.	
Dry Beans, by State and U.S.	
Dry Edible Peas, U.S.	
Eggs, by State and U.S.	Apr
Figs, U.S.	
Flaxseed, by State and U.S.	
Goats, by State and U.S.	
Grapes, by State	
Hay, by State and U.S.	
Other Hay, 3-year Average by Region	
Hogs, by State and U.S.	
Hops, by State and U.S.	
Lentils, U.S.	
Milk, Sold to Plants, by Grade, Price and Fat Test, by State and U.S.	
Mohair, by State and U.S.	
Oats, U.S.	
by State and U.S.	
Peaches, by State and U.S.	
Peanuts, by State and U.S.	
Pears, by State and U.S.	
Potatoes, by State and U.S., Preliminary	
Plums, U.S.	
Rice, U.S. (year-to-date)	
by State and U.S., by Length of Grain	
Rye, by State and U.S.	Aug
Sheep and Lambs, by State and U.S.	
Sorghum, by State and U.S.	Sep
Soybeans, by State and U.S.	Sep
Sweetpotatoes, by State and U.S., Preliminary	Jan
Final and Revised	Jun
Sugarbeets, U.S.	Jul
Sugarcane, U.S.	
Sunflower, by State and U.S.	Nov
Turkeys, by State and U.S.	
Wheat, by Class, U.S.	
by State and U.S.	
Wool, by State and U.S.	

Monthly Prices Received - Revised:	Month Published
Apples, U.S.	Jan
by State	
Austrian Winter Peas, U.S.	Sep
Barley, by State and U.S.	Aug
Broilers, U.S.	Apr
Cattle, by State and U.S.	Feb
Chickens, by State and U.S.	Apr
Chickpeas, by State and U.S.	Nov
Corn, by State and U.S.	
Cotton, by Type, State and U.S.	Oct
Cottonseed, by State and U.S.	Oct
Dry Beans, by State and U.S.	Nov
Dry Edible Peas, U.S.	Sep
Eggs, by State and U.S.	Apr
Flaxseed, by State and U.S.	Nov
Grapes, U.Š.	Jan
Hay, by State and U.S.	Aug
Hogs, by State and U.S.	
Hops, by State and U.S.	
Lentils, U.S.	
Milk, Sold to Plants, by Grade, Price and Fat Test by State and U.S	Apr
Milk Cows, by Quarter, by State and U.S.	Feb
Oats, by State and U.S.	Aug
Onions, by State and U.S.	Apr
Peaches, U.S.	
Peanuts, by State and U.S.	Aug
Pears, U.S.	Jan
Potatoes, by State and U.S., Preliminary	
Rice, U.S. (year-to-date)	Aug
by State and U.S., by Length of Grain	Jan
Sheep and Lambs, by State and U.S.	Feb
Sorghum, by State and U.S.	Sep
Soybeans, by State and U.S.	Sep
Sunflower, by State and U.S.	Nov
Tobacco, by Type, State and U.S.	May
Turkeys, U.S.	Apr
Vegetable Crops, by State and U.S.	
Wheat, by State and U.S.	Aug

Monthly Marketing Percents:	Month Published
Austrian Winter Peas, U.S.	Sep
Barley, U.S.	Jun
by State and U.S.	
Chickpeas, by State and U.S.	
Corn, U.S.	
by State and U.S.	
Cotton, Upland, by State and U.S.	Oct
Dry Beans, by State and U.S.	
Dry Edible Peas, U.S.	
Flaxseed, by State and U.S.	Nov
Hay, by State and U.S.	
Lentils, U.S.	
Oats, U.S	
by State and U.S.	
Peanuts, by State and U.S.	
Rice, U.S. (year-to-date)	
Final	Jan
Sorghum, by State and U.S.	Sep
Soybeans, by State and U.S.	
Sunflower, by State and U.S.	Nov
Wheat, U.S.	Jun
by State and U.S.	Aug
Prices Received Index Numbers - Revised:	
Index of Prices Received by Farmers, U.S., by Month and Year	Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
Milk and Egg Prices Received, Adjusted for Seasonal Variation:	
Seasonally Adjusted Prices, Revised, U.S.	Apr
Seasonal Adjustment Factors, U.S.	
Parity Prices:	
Method of Computing	Jan
Average Prices Used for Parity Computations	Jan
Manufacturing Milk: Method of Computing Parity Price Equivalent	Jan
Average Price Received, U.S.	
Average File Received, U.S.	Jan

Calendar of Prices Paid Features in the 2005 Agricultural Price Reports

Indexes (1910-1914=100): PPITW, PITW, Production Items, Component Items, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates, Fan and Non-Farm Origin, Crop and Livestock Sectors, Adjusted for Productivity, Ratio, Parit Adjusted Parity Ratio	
Annual Average (2001-2005) By Month (2001-2005) U.S. Current Month, Previous Month, Previous Year	. Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
Indexes (1990-1992=100): PPITW, PITW, Production Items, Component and Subcomponent Items, Interest, Taxes a Family Living Farm and Non-Farm Origin, Crop and Livestock Sectors, Adjusted for Productive Ratio and Adjusted Parity Ratio Annual Average (2001-2005) By Month (2001-2005)	ductivity, Ratio, . Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
U.S. Current Month, Previous Month, Previous Year	Monthly Dec
Prices Paid: Farm Machinery, U.S. Feed, by Region and U.S. Feed, U.S. (2000-2005) Feeder Livestock, U.S. Poultry, Chicks and Poults, Annual Average Fertilizer Materials, Mixed Fertilizer and Agricultural Limestone, by Region and U.S. Field Seeds, Retail U.S. Fuels, by Region and U.S. Agricultural Chemicals, U.S.	
Feed-Price Ratios: U.S. by Months and Annual Average, (Jan 2002- May 2005) U.S. Current Month, Previous Month, Previous Year	Month Published May Monthly
Prices Paid Program Overview: Prices Paid Survey Months, Month Published and Geographic Levels of Estimates Prices Paid Regions, and States Included	
Private Grazing Fee Rates and Components of Federal Fees: Private Non-Irrigated Grazing Fee Rates, by State and Region (Data for 2003-2004)	
Beef Cattle Prices Received, Selected Regions (November-October) Other Hay Prices Received, Selected Eastern Regions	Dec

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